



## SNIPATUIT POND

ROCHESTER

AREA = 710 ACRES

MAXIMUM DEPTH = 6 FT.

NOT FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES



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### General Information:

This 710-acre warm water pond is the headwater of the Mattapoisett River. Average depth is five feet and maximum depth is only six feet. The water is stained by the surrounding wetlands and transparency is only two and a half feet. The bottom is predominantly mud and aquatic vegetation is moderate to heavy along the shorelines and in scattered patches over open water. The shoreline is moderately developed with cottages and cranberry bogs.

The pond is located about five miles west of Route 28. The boat access is a dirt ramp with limited parking located off Neck Road. Shoreline access is limited to the area of the pond bordering Neck Road.

This pond was reclaimed in 1962.

### Fish Populations:

The general fish population was most recently studied during a 1978 summer survey. Nine species were collected: chain pickerel, largemouth bass, yellow perch, pumpkinseed, black crappie, golden shiner, brown bullhead, white sucker and alewife (sea-run). The most abundant gamefish is the chain pickerel and the most abundant panfish is the yellow perch. Northern pike are also present in the population today.

### Fishing:

This pond offers good fishing for an assortment of warm water fish species. The chain pickerel and largemouth bass populations display excellent health, and many individual bass sampled ranged in size from 12 inches to over 22 inches. Yellow perch fishing should be excellent year round, as these fish are abundant and of good average size.

This pond has also been stocked with northern pike and should currently have individual fish approaching 20 pounds or more (legal size is 28 inches). Fingerling pike were stocked here in 1978, 1979, 1985, 1987 and 1990. .

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